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FOR CONGRESSMEN.

First district.....H. C. Solomon
Second district.....Frank L. Willard
Third district.....J. D. Botkin
Fourth district.....S. M. Scott
Fifth district.....John Davis
Sixth district.....William Baker
Seventh district.....Jerry Simpson
At-Large.....W. A. Harris

STATE OFFICERS.

For Governor.....L. D. Lewelling
For Associate Justice.....George W. Clark
For Lieutenant Governor.....D. L. Furbeck
For Secretary of State.....J. W. Amls
For Auditor of State.....Van B. Prather
For Treasurer of State.....W. H. Biddle
For Attorney General.....John T. Little
For Superintendent of Public Instruction.....H. N. Gaines

REMEMBER the legislature. It is your vote for representative that will determine whether Kansas shall progress or go backward.

If any one of the thousands of honest tenant farmers in Kansas, the men who have lost their homes through the machinations of interest thieves and land sharks, can sleep while there is any work to be done to defeat E. N. Morrill, that man ought to sell himself for a slave.

THE Kansas City editors and the Kansas republican committee must be playing the voters of Kansas for imbeciles, or else they are afflicted with rats in their own garret. Taking the testimony of a thief to prove another man's dishonesty, when it is plain that the thief is getting paid for his testimony is not an indication of mental brilliancy, to say the least.

It is not enough, voters of Kansas, that you vote to defeat E. N. Morrill and R. W. Blue, the arch-conspirators against your interests, the good name of our people. Let your disapproval of dishonesty and Shylockism extend further than that. If there is a candidate in your county, on any ticket, who attempts to apologize, either by silence or words, for the Morrill-

Blue crimes, let him know he has not your confidence, even though he bears a good reputation. That's the way to rebuke thievery in high places.

PETE KLINE'S CHURCH FESTIVAL AMUSEMENTS.

Away back in the good old republican days of 1891 under the administration of the immaculate Governor Humphrey, Pete Kline's business was in a most flourishing condition. He was conducting it under a charter granted by that other immaculate republican statesman, Bill Higgins, then secretary of state, which charter is now on file in the secretary of state's office. Ex-Attorney General Bradford, another of the redeemers who are now making Rome howl about the bribery of state officials by Kansas City gamblers, was the attorney of the concern. In the ADVOCATE during the campaign of 1891, we took occasion to criticize the secretary of state for chartering such institutions and incidentally referred to the fact that ex-Attorney General Bradford was Pete Kline's attorney. Mr. Bradford did not see the article in the ADVOCATE but some of his friends told him that we had criticized him for acting as the attorney for gamblers, and he thereupon wrote us a letter which we still have on file. He claimed in that letter that he had as much right, as an attorney, to defend men charged with running lotteries as to defend men charged with stealing or murder, and we had no disposition to dispute this proposition. But Mr. Bradford did not stop with this. He went on to say:

This institution in Kansas City is not a lottery; it is a sort of guessing match similar, only on a larger scale, to guessing how many beans in a jar, or grains of corn in a jar, so frequently practiced at G. A. R. fairs or church festivals.

The italics are Mr. Bradford's.

It will be seen from the foregoing that this innocent church festival amusement was a legitimate child of the late republican administration, chartered by it, and under which it flourished and grew prosperous. It has become embarrassed since the Populist administration came into power; the chief church festival manager is in jail and the balance of the outfit are furnishing the republican state central committee with affidavits against Populist officials and otherwise striving for the election of the present republican state ticket. What do you suppose makes them do it?

OH, SUCH TEARS!

The crocodile tears that are shed by the nincompoop editor of the Capital over the failure of republican managers in this city to register illegal voters are enough to cause the cigar signs all down Kansas avenue to weep with sore lamentations and bitterness of spirit. It has been the custom under republican administrations to register anything that would vote the republican ticket without regard to age or other qualifications of citizenship. This year the commissioner of elections hap-

pens to be a Populist and he rightfully makes it his business to find out whether applicants for registration are of age and entitled to vote. As a sample of those who have been rejected, a single case may be mentioned, because this particular case has caused considerable of the weeping in the Capital sanatorium.

A young negro applied a few days ago to be registered, who when asked his age stated that he was 21 years old. Asked when he was born, he said in 1876. When it was suggested that he might be mistaken about the date of his birth, he became indignant and said he guessed he knew when he was born. He made an affidavit that he was born in 1876, and the commissioner rightly refused to register him.

Other persons have applied who have given as their place of residence vacant lots and vacant houses, and these have likewise been turned away out into the cold world, their sacred rights of citizenship denied them. Republican managers are unaccustomed to these things and the prospect of a reduction of republican majorities in Shawnee county thereby is the occasion of this weeping and bitterness of spirit. We have been trying to conjure up a sympathetic tear but it would not come.

THIS IS HOW THEY DO IT.

It is well known that the Santa Fe railroad company is in politics in this state for all there is in it. It has been known for several years that the republican state central committee has Santa Fe passes for use where they will do the most good without limit, restriction or question. The committee this year has not only furnished all republican speakers and politicians with passes, but has furnished the Corning outfit likewise, to enable them to travel about over the state and preach purity and secure signatures to a petition for another Populist ticket.

It turns out that local republican committees are also furnished with railroad passes for use at their discretion. The People's Defender of St. Francis has come into possession of indisputable evidence of this fact. The following letter sent to a former republican who has left the state has been returned to the editor of the Defender, and is now in his possession:

St. Francis, Kas., September 24, 1894.

R. Wills:

Will you come home to vote if we send you a pass? Let me know at once.

Yours, etc.

A. M. BRENNAMAN.

The letter bears the St. Francis post mark September 24, 1894. The fact that Mr. Wills has returned the letter to the editor of a Populist paper will probably remove the anxiety of Mr. Brenaman to have him "come home to vote." He has damaged his prospects for a pass.

The attorney general has ruled that this furnishing of railroad passes to bring men "home to vote" is a violation of the Douglas bribery law, and Populists should be on the alert on election day and prevent men from voting who are brought home in this way.

STILL LYING.

In an editorial relative to the attitude of Congressman Baker of the Sixth district towards the silver question, in the Capital of October 19, this remarkable statement occurs,—remarkable, not on account of its absolute and unqualified falsehood, for nothing better is expected of the Capital,—but remarkable for its presumption of the ignorance of the people:

As for free silver, the Pops are unequivocally opposed to it, and have introduced a dozen bills in congress to demonetize all silver money except fractional currency.

The Populist party is the only party in existence that has from the first made and maintained in its platform an unequivocal demand for absolutely free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present ratio of 16 to 1. This demand is not covered up with a mass of rot about "parity," but stands unquestioned and unquestionable in its meaning. The statement that "Populists have introduced a dozen bills in congress to demonetize all silver except fractional currency" is one of the most brazen-faced falsehoods that even the Capital has yet had the audacity to publish. There has not only not been a dozen bills of the import indicated introduced by Populists, but there has not been even one, and the young sprout of the Capital knows it if he knows anything at all. We defy him to produce, not a dozen, but a single one such bill as he mentions, or refer to anything in the Congressional Record that can be distorted into favorable mention of such a policy by any Populist in congress.

WEIGH THE EVIDENCE.

Let us admit, for the sake of argument, that the politicians of all parties will lie about their opponents, and that partisan newspaper editors are not competent witnesses during a campaign. Now take the accusations against the leading candidates of the two leading state tickets, and see what witnesses there are back of the accusations:

LEWELLING.	MORRILL.
Charged with having been bribed to favor the lotteries, gambling houses and saloons.	Charged with swindling farmers, extorting money from homesteaders and betraying the interests of his constituents while in congress.
Witnesses: Pete Kline, gambler, Jim Legate, gambler, Nels Acres and Henderson, lottery attorneys.	Witnesses: More than 500 republican, democratic and Populist farmers in Kansas, and the congressional record.

The prospects are that there will be a fair count at the state election this year. Every vote will be counted as cast. If the result is not as it should be it will be the fault of those Populists who fail to vote.

YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

Then why don't you renew in time to avoid missing a number?

You will want the election returns and you will want all the news that you don't get in other papers and do get in the ADVOCATE.

Send in your dollar at once and make a guess for a \$20 prize.

See our "guess" advertisement.

Get up a club for the ADVOCATE.